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TO "FOOLISH REVOLT". STRAUSS STATED FEDREP WOULD REMAIN FIRM IN ITS SUPPORT OF BERLIN BUT WOULD THINK OVER MEANS OF DOING SO "VERY CAREFULLY". HE ALSO EXPRESSED CONVICTION THAT CRISIS COULD BE RESOLVED THROUGH NEGOTIATIONS AND TENSION SHOULD NOT BE NEEDLESSLY HEIGHTENED.

SPEAKING BEFORE EXPELLEES, FDP LEADER MENDE STATED ALL GERMAN PARTIES AS WELL AS FEDREP'S ALLIES SHOULD TAKE COMMON STEPS TO FACE THREAT TO BERLIN AND TO PREVENT A "EUROPEAN KOREA". HE ALSO REJECTED POSSIBILITY OF RECOGNIZING ODER-NEISSE LINE IN RETURN FOR RESOLUTION OF BERLIN PROBLEM AND REQUESTED TELEGRAPHICALLY THAT FOREIGN AFFAIRS AND ALL-GERMAN COMMITTEES OF BUNDESTAG BE CALLED TOGETHER ON MONDAY OR TUESDAY. MENDE ASKED THAT CHANCELLOR INFORM CHARMEN OF THREE BUNDESTAG FRACTIONS SOONEST OF POSITION OF THREE WESTERN POWERS WITH RESPECT TO THE BERLIN PROBLEM.

ALL-GERMAN AFFAIRS MINISTER LEMMER IS REPORTED TO HAVE STATED, "WE ARE VERY MUCH CONVINCED THAT WE ARE NOT IN THE POSITION TO CORRECT THE ACTION THAT HAS BEEN TAKEN. THIS PROBLEM CAN REALLY ONLY BE DISCUSSED AND DECIDED ON THE HIGHEST POLITICAL LEVEL."

BUNDESTAG PRESIDENT GERSTENMAIER SENT TELEGRAM TO BRANDT EXPRESSING HIS SOLIDARITY WITH BRANDT AND WEST BERLIN IN THIS CRISIS AND RETURNED FROM LEAVE TO VISIT BERLIN. PRESS HAS SPECULATED THAT SPECIAL MEETING OF BUNDESTAG MIGHT BE CALLED TO DISCUSS SITUATION. BUNDESTAG WILL MEET IN ANY EVENT ON AUGUST 22. AT THAT TIME BRENTANO HAS ALREADY PLANNED TO BRIEF MEMBERS OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE ON PARIS FOREIGN MINISTERS' MEETING.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER SPEAKING WITH SPD CHAIRMAN OLENHAUER AUGUST 13, FONMIN VON BRENTANO RETURNED TO BONN LATE THAT AFTERNOON FOR DISCUSSIONS WITHIN FOREIGN MINISTRY, AND VON BRENTANO CALLED IN BRITISH, FRENCH AND US AMBS THIS MORNING FOR DISCUSSION SITUATION. GOVT SPOKESMAN ANNOUNCED

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THAT AMBS WASHINGTON, LONDON, PARIS AND NATO HAD BEEN
INSTRUCTED RETURN THEIR POSTS URGENTLY IF ON LEAVE OR
ABSENT ON OTHER BUSINESS AND THAT SIMILAR MEASURES BEING
TAKEN WITH RESPECT TO FOREIGN OFFICE OFFICIALS ONN PE.*

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